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Town Officers.

Representative,

BENJAMIN G. MOULTON.

Supervisors,

SHERMAN W. SHAW, WILLIAM O. TILTON,
STEPHEN BROWN, JR.

Moderator,

WILBER K. PARKER.

Town Clerk,

DANIEL DEARBORN.

Selectmen,

JOHN F. GILL, BENJAMIN F. ROWE,
ALVA BREWER.

Treasurer,

WALTER A. HILLIARD.

Collector of Taxes,

DANIEL R. FRESCOTT.

Highway Agents,

SHERMAN W. SHAW, FRANK H. POOR,
STEPHEN BROWN, JR.

Board of Education,

JOSIAH D. PRESCOTT, DANIEL E. PALMER,
IRVING C. GOVE.

School Treasurer,

CHARLES E. TUCK.

Board of Health,

LEWIS E. GOVE, ELLERY C. WADLEIGH,
DANIEL B. PRESCOTT.

Constable,

GEORGE B. SHAW.

Dog Constable,

STEPHEN C. SAWYER.

Fish and Game Wardens,

DANIEL B. PRESCOTT, WILLIAM J. GADDIS.

Auditors,

WEARE N. SHAW, JOSEPH N. AUSTIN.

Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1897.

Land and buildings,		\$210,081 00
No. polls,	140,	14,000 00
cows,	435,	9,056 00
oxen,	35,	1,420 00
horses,	189,	7,990 00
sheep,	135,	361 00
other neat stock,	87,	1,162 00
swine,	1,	8 00
poultry,	600,	240 00
carriages,	4,	250 00
mills,	1,	200 00
money at interest,		2,289 00
shares bank stock,	16,	1,600 00
stock in trade,		3,065 00
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Total,		\$251,722 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,		\$540 00
County tax,		621 70
Schools by law, \$540; extra, \$200,		740 00
Contingencies,		100 00
Highways and bridges,		629 30
Library, \$50; extra, \$25,		75 00
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		\$2,706 00

Rate of taxation, \$1.12 per \$100.

Committed to hands of Collector, 1897,	\$2,819 29
Total received to date,	2,610 09
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Remaining in hands of Collector,	\$209 20
Committed to hands of Collector, 1896,	\$2,957 54
Total received to date,	2,917 84
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Remaining in hands of Collector,	\$39 70

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury,	\$558 03
In hands of Collector, 1894,	11 36
“ “ 1895,	8 02
“ “ 1896,	39 70
“ “ 1897,	209 20
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	\$826 31

LIABILITIES.

Note of \$700, due February 12th, 1899, with interest at 5 per cent.,	\$700 00
Net assets,	\$126 31

JOHN F. GILL,
BENJAMIN F. ROWE,
ALVA BREWER, } Selectmen
} of
Kensington.

Treasurer's Report.

WALTER A. HILLIARD in account with the Town of Kensington
for the year ending March 1, 1898.

	DR.
Balance brought forward,	\$478 60
Received of Collector, 1895,	36 65
" " " 1896,	150 37
" " " 1897,	2,610 09
" " State, railroad tax,	14 76
" " " savings bank tax,	193 60
" " " literary fund,	43 40
" " " Town Clerk, for dog licenses,	82 42
" " " F. H. Poor, use of town house,	3 75
" " Simeon P. Clark, license to sell Mdse.,	5 00
" " Selectmen, money hired, use of town,	700 00
" " W. N. Shaw, poll (not taxable),	1 12
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	\$4,319 76

	CR.
Paid state tax,	\$540 00
county tax,	621 70
Memorial day,	40 00
public library,	75 00
support of schools,	805 00
snow paths,	530 48
highways and bridges,	739 34
contingent expenses,	124 58
officers,	262 95

Paid abatements,	\$8 58
interest,	6 60
support of poor,	7 50
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	\$3,761 73
Balance in treasury,	\$558 03

Paid by order of the Selectmen :

SNOW PATHS, 1897.

Paid J. W. Purinton,	\$0 53
William Austin,	1 65
Daniel M. Evans,	3 00
Henry A. Woods,	75
John P. Blake,	3 00
Abel Page,	1 50
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	\$10 43

1898.

Paid Sherman W. Shaw,	\$204 68
Frank H. Poor,	150 07
Stephen Brown, Jr.,	165 30
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	\$520 05

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Frank E. Brown, labor,	\$0 90
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	\$0 90

1897.

Paid Sherman W. Shaw,	\$312 01
Frank H. Poor,	201 90
Stephen Brown, Jr.,	224 53
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	\$738 44

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid John Templeton, printing town reports,	\$32 00
Edson C. Eastman, copy of Session Laws, 1893 and 1895,	2 00
Climax Road Machine Co., repairs to road machine,	6 50
Howard Towle, for hooks,	1 15
Dr. J. A. Fitz Hugh, returning birth and death,	50
George Brown, maintaining public water- ing place,	2 00
S. N. Hobbs, maintaining public water- ing place,	2 00
G. O. Weare, maintaining public water- ing place,	2 00
John F. McCoy, maintaining public water- ing place,	2 00
Walter A. Hilliard, making taxes,	10 00
James H. Batchelder, books and stationery, Gardner & Hilliard, hardware,	4 30
Stephen C. Sawyer, services as sexton, " labor in cemetery,	3 10
F. H. Poor, 2 ft. hard wood and sawing same,	21 50
F. H. Poor, 1-2 cd. pine and sawing same, " services as sexton in February, 1897,	19 73
F. H. Poor, putting sawdust in town house, " 8 lights glass and 4 lamp chimneys,	1 25
John F. Gill, lodging and feeding tramps,	3 50
Benjamin F. Lovering,	1 00
	80
	5 75
	2 00
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	\$124 58

OFFICERS.

Paid John A. Blake, services as Auditor, 1896,	\$1 50
Josiah D. Prescott, " "	1 50
Daniel Dearborn, services as Town Clerk,	25 00
Josiah D. Prescott, services as Superintendent of Schools,	20 00
Irving C. Gove, services on School Board,	8 00
" " as truant officer and enumerating scholars,	2 00
Daniel E. Palmer, services on School Board,	8 00
Charles E. Tuck, services as Treasurer of School Board,	5 00
John F. Gill, services as Selectman,	34 75
Benjamin F. Rowe, "	31 75
Alva Brewer, "	31 00
Walter A. Hilliard, services as Town Treasurer,	20 00
Charles E. Batchelder, Gate-keeper, November, 1896, election,	1 50
Board of Health, for services,	24 00
Stephen C. Sawyer, services as Dog Constable,	5 00
Stephen C. Sawyer, services as Collector, 1895,	55
Daniel R. Prescott, services as Collector, 1896,	2 25
Daniel R. Prescott, services as Collector, 1897,	39 15
Sidney C. Chase, Clerk of School Meeting,	2 00

	\$262 95

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid John F. Gill, services as Overseer,	\$3 00
G. W. Pettingill, coffin for child,	4 50
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	\$7 50

ABATEMENTS.

1895.

Paid George Atherton, poll,	\$1 35
Frank O. Wadleigh, "	1 35
	—
	\$2 70

1896.

Paid Phillip Brown,	\$0 37
	—
	\$0 37

1897.

Paid Ira Fellows, poll,	\$1 12
Oliver J. Palmer, poll,	1 12
Alfred Roby, "	1 12
Howard L. Lamprey, "	1 12
Heirs Nathan Fellows, horse died,	28
Heirs Michael Gove, cow "	25
John P. Lamprey, " "	25
Dennis Malloy, horse "	25
	—
	\$5 51

Paid state tax,	\$540 00
county tax,	621 70
Memorial day,	40 00
public library,	75 00
schools,	805 00
interest,	6 60
	—
	\$2,088 30
Total expenditures,	\$3,761 73

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STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE FUND.

DR.

Balance March 1, 1897,	\$113 27
Rec'd from Town Clerk for dog licenses,	82 42

	\$195 69

CR.

Paid Stephen C. Sawyer, services as Dog Constable,	\$5 00
Balance,	\$190 69

NOTE.—The above balance is included in balance of \$558.03 in treasury.

WALTER A. HILLIARD, Town Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and do hereby approve the same.

WEARE N. SHAW, }
JOSEPH N. AUSTIN, } Auditors.

Report of Highway Agents.

SHERMAN W. SHAW, Highway Agent,

In account with the Town of Kensington, for year ending February 15, 1898.

DR.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$312 01
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CR.

Mar. 13, By 3 hours labor,	\$0 45
22, 1 " "	15
26, 4 " "	60
30, labor on bridge,	80
April 5, " road,	1 00
13, " "	4 00
14, " Cook bridge,	4 00
15, " stone for same,	3 00
15, " for stone,	2 00
15, " putting stone in place,	5 00
15, J. D. Prescott, lantern for same,	2 00
16, team 1 day,	4 00
16, man 1 day,	1 50
17, man 1-2 day,	75
17, team 1-2 day,	2 00
18, team 1 day,	4 00
18, man 1 day,	1 50
20, bridge plank, 254 feet,	4 06
20, 4 hours labor,	60
21, 15 " "	2 25
23, 5 " "	75

May	4,	5 hours labor with team,	\$2 00
	7, 10	" "	4 00
	18, 3	"	45
	19, 10	" with team,	4 00
	19, 20	"	3 00
	20, 20	"	3 00
	20, 10	" "	4 00
	25, 20	"	3 00
June	1, 2	"	30
	3, 20	"	3 00
	4, 7	" "	2 80
	4, 14	"	2 10
	7, 10	" "	4 00
	7, 5	"	75
	8, 8	" "	3 20
	8, 7	"	1 05
	21, 10	" " on School House bridge,	4 00
	21, tile for	" "	20 00
	21, 20	hours labor,	3 00
	22, 17	"	2 55
	22, 10	" with team,	4 00
	23, 10	" "	4 00
	23, 20	"	3 00
	24, 15	"	2 25
	24, 10	" "	4 00
	24, Geo. Brown,	for stone,	1 00
	25, 10	hours labor, with team,	4 00
	25, 20	"	3 00
	26, 10	" "	4 00
	26, 18	"	2 70
July	1,	post and rail,	65
	1,	labor on same,	2 80
	2,	3 hours labor,	45
	7, 3	"	45
Nov.	7, 4	"	60
	7,	bridge plank, 120 feet,	1 92
	26,	3 hours labor,	45

Nov. 30,	6 hours labor laying over bridge,	\$0 90
June 9,	Dearborn road wash out:	
9,	1 day with team,	4 00
10,	6 hours labor,	90
15,	8 hours, with team,	3 20
16,	3 hours labor,	45
Oct. 21,	8 "	1 20
Nov. 2,	8 hours, with team,	3 20
2,	5 hours labor,	75
3,	paid S. N. Hobbs,	3 50
3,	J. F. McCoy,	75
July 2,	S. N. Hobbs, for gravel,	7 80
Nov. 30,	S. M. Kimball,	31 12
July 29,	W. N. Shaw,	1 20
May 25,	C. R. Gove,	3 80
25,	E. C. Wadleigh,	3 15
July 31,	Hugh Brown,	1 87
Aug. 9,	David Sprout,	2 25
June 15,	C. R. Gove,	4 32
July 31,	T. Milbury,	4 75
June 15,	E. C. Wadleigh,	1 35
22,	D. J. Malloy,	1 40
July 14,	D. J. Malloy,	1 60
Oct. 19,	W. O. Tilton,	75
Nov. 29,	Hugh Brown,	1 50
June 15,	D. Dearborn,	1 95
April 7,	F. H. Poor,	12 00
Jan. 1,	E. J. Blodgett,	1 50
Oct. 18,	J. W. York,	3 34
Sept. 8,	B. F. Rowe,	13 95
20,	" on washout,	4 13
20,	T. C. Shaw,	35 55

\$312 01

SNOW BILLS.

DR.

Received of Town Treasurer, \$204 68

CR.

Jan. 19, Labor on snow,		\$1 20
Feb. 1, "		1 50
2, " 24 hours,		3 60
2, " 5 " horses,		1 25
3, " 17 "		2 55
3, " 7 " horses,		1 75
4, " 20 "		3 00
4, " 8 " horses,		2 00
5, " 15 "		2 25
5, " 4 " horses,		1 00
6, " 18 "		2 70
6, " 8 " horses,		2 00

		\$24 80
Paid A. M. Rowe,		\$4 63
W. M. Ayers,		2 99
G. B. Shaw,		9 83
C. S. Fisher,		1 35
T. C. Shaw,		9 65
D. J. Malloy,		3 65
J. R. Malloy,		4 73
S. M. Kimball,		6 00
C. R. Gove,		4 95
L. S. Sanborn,		1 65
G. Davis,		4 80
J. W. York,		12 35
M. J. Sanborn,		60
M. C. Wadleigh,		1 35
G. W. Smith,		60
D. Dearborn,		2 05
J. P. Rowe,		3 75
J. F. McCoy,		6 75
G. A. P. Wadleigh,		6 75
B. G. Moulton,		6 75
W. O. Tilton,		5 70
S. J. E. Smith,		4 80

Paid Clarence Smith,	\$3 10
B. F. Rowe,	4 35
S. E. Rowe,	2 85
A. G. Wadleigh,	1 50
F. L. Wadleigh,	1 50
R. E. Wadleigh,	1 20
E. C. Wadleigh,	2 25
T. R. Milbury,	10 90
G. A. Prescott,	5 25
D. R. Prescott,	1 20
D. Bassett;	3 40
S. N. Hobbs,	8 15
E. J. Blodgett,	2 85
A. Brewer,	5 10
C. E. Brewer,	5 25
D. B. Prescott,	3 15
G. O. Weare,	1 20
E. Knowles,	2 40
H. C. Tuck,	2 70
C. E. Tuck,	2 00
H. Rowe,	3 15
W. Hodgdon,	75

	\$179 88

	\$204 68

FRANK H. POOR, Highway Agent,

In account with the Town of Kensington, for the year ending February 15, 1898.

DR.

Received of Town Treasurer, \$201 90

TO LABOR ON THE HIGHWAYS.

Mar. 26,	To 2 men,	2 hours,	\$0 60
Apr. 6,	2 " 1 pair horses,	2 "	1 30
13,	3 " 3 " 8 "		12 00
14,	3 " 1 " 5 "		3 50
17,	7 " 2 " 5 "		7 50
19,	3 " 1 " 10 "		7 00
20,	4 " 2 " 10 "		11 00
24,	5 " 3 " 10 "		18 00
26,	3 " 1 " 5 "		5 75
27,	2 " 5 "		1 50
May 28,	4 "	10 "	6 00
28,	3 "	5 "	2 50
28,	3 " 8 "		6 00
29,	7 " 3 " 10 "		19 00
June 4,	5 "	3 "	2 25
4,	3 "	2 "	2 00
5,	5 " 1 " 5 "		5 00
7,	3 " 2 " 10 "		9 50
8,	4 " 2 " 10 "		12 00
9,	1 " 1 " 5 "		2 00
11,	10 " 2 " 10 "		20 00
12,	10 " 3 " 10 "		22 50
12,	1 "	5 "	75
14,	3 "	10 "	4 50
15,	4 " 2 " 10 "		11 00
17,	1 " 5 "		1 25
17,	4 "	10 "	6 00
21,	2 "	5 "	1 50

\$201 90

CASH PAID OUT OF ABOVE AMOUNT FOR LABOR.

Paid George A. Prescott,	\$10 50
George O. Brewster,	3 00

Paid Ezra Knowles,	\$31 65
H. L. Eaton,	4 65
Arthur L. Towle,	4 27
John P. Blake,	6 90
Ralph T. Gove,	2 25
George L. Davis,	75
Edward Huff,	4 50
George O. Weare,	1 20
Harrison Rowe,	3 00
Philip Brown,	1 00
John L. Eaton,	90
Albert B. Fellows,	1 50

	\$46 07

DR.

To money received from Town Treasurer,	\$150 07
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CR.

Making snow paths, February 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5:

Paid Moses W. Evans,	\$8 10
William Gaddis,	90
Herman Brown,	90
George Eastman,	2 50
Otis Eastman,	2 50
Warren Lamprey,	2 50
Wilbur K. Parker,	3 75
Charles N. Robie,	3 20
S. C. Chase,	3 35
Hyla D. Peacock,	1 65
C. E. Austin,	2 10
W. P. Hilliard,	3 90
John P. Blake,	4 50
George O. Brewster,	1 50
George Osgood,	90
John H. Brewster,	4 50
Samuel Walton,	4 05

Paid Frank A. Mace,	\$7 45
Irving C. Gove,	1 50
Clinton Gove,	3 45
C. A. Evans,	5 10
James W. Purinton,	3 00
Roger F. Purinton,	2 92
Fred M. Austin,	2 55
Moses Crowell,	5 70
Henry A. Woods,	3 30
F. E. Foss,	2 70
D. M. Evans,	10 10
Arthur Towle,	3 75
Herbert L. Eaton,	75
John A. Evans,	75
Ned Lovering,	75
George Keniston,	75
George Lowell,	75
Arthur Duby,	4 95
John Martin,	2 25
Jere Lambert,	3 75
Harrison Rowe,	1 50
Frank H. Poor,	31 55
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	\$150 07

STEPHEN BROWN, JR., Highway Agent,

In account with the Town of Kensington, for the year ending
February 15, 1898.

DR.	
Received of Town Treasurer,	\$224 53
CR.	
April 6, Paid David Brown, with team,	\$4 00
6, C. M. Evans,	1 50

April	6,	paid H. E. Brown,	\$1 50
	6,	with men and team,	6 00
	7,	D. Brown,	2 75
	7,	C. M. Evans,	75
	7,	H. E. Brown,	75
	7,	with men and teams,	8 00
	8,	D. Brown, with team,	4 00
	8,	J. W. Brown's team,	2 50
	8,	with men and team,	7 00
	10,	two men,	1 50
	12,	D. Brown, with team,	4 00
	12,	two men,	3 00
	13,	two men, with teams,	6 50
May	25,	F. H. Poor,	6 50
	25,	two men, with teams,	4 00
	25,	J. W. Brown,	2 50
	26,	J. W. Brown,	1 25
	26,	two men, with teams,	6 75
	26,	H. E. Brown,	1 50
	28,	H. E. Brown,	1 50
	28,	two men, with team,	3 50
	28,	D. Brown, with team,	1 25
	29,	two men, with team,	5 00
	29,	H. E. Brown,	1 50
	29,	J. Evans, with team,	3 00
	29,	drain pipe,	9 88
June	1,	J. Evans, with team,	4 00
	1,	two men, with team,	5 00
	11,	D. Brown, with team,	4 00
	11,	three men, with team,	6 00
	12,	three men, with team,	6 00
	12,	D. Brown, with team,	4 00
	14,	two men, "	4 00
	15,	three men, "	6 00
	16,	" "	3 25
	16,	J. W. W. Brown,	75
	18,	J. Evans, with team,	3 13

June 18,	paid Ned Lovering, with team,	\$2 75
18,	men, with team,	5 60
18,	John L. Eaton,	75
18,	Oscar Eaton,	60
19,	men, with team,	4 00
19,	J. Evans,	1 50
26,	man,	1 50
26,	B. F. Lovering, with team,	2 50
26,	Ned Lovering,	1 50
26,	J. Evans,	1 50
26,	William Gaddis,	1 50
26,	O. W. Brown,	1 50
26,	H. E. Brown,	1 50
26,	N. Page, lumber,	3 84
27,	E. H. Huff,	1 50
27,	J. Blake,	1 50
27,	repairs of road machine,	2 75
Oct. 6,	C. Evans, bill,	3 00
Nov. 10,	men, with team,	4 00
10,	D. Brown,	1 35
10,	C. Evans,	1 35
18,	repairing bridges,	1 50
Dec. 16,	drain pipe,	6 60
16,	G. Keniston, with man,	1 80
16,	H. W. Brown,	40
16,	G. Farrell,	1 20
16,	two men, with team,	2 50
16,	J. N. Austin, per bill,	1 60
16,	for cutting bushes and picking rock,	10 20
16,	J. F. Gill, bill,	1 50
16,	J. Eaton, bill,	95
16,	A. Page,	1 28

		\$224 53
	SNOW PATHS, FEB. 1, 2, 3 AND 4.	
	DR.	
Received of Town Treasurer,		\$165 30

CR.

Feb. 1, 2, 3 and 4, with team and man,		\$18 00
" D. Brown,	11 00	
" H. E. Brown,	4 50	
" J. W. Brown,	2 50	
" O. W. Brown,	4 35	
" H. W. Brown,	3 45	
" J. Downing,	2 75	
" J. Robinson,	2 75	
" A. Page,	2 40	
" C. Evans,	50	
" W. Gaddis.	4 50	
" W. Gaddis, Jr.,	2 25	
" G. Beckman,	1 50	
" G. Brewster,	1 35	
" A. Fogg,	3 20	
" H. W. Hull, with team,	7 00	
" C. Hull,	1 50	
" J. Broderick,	1 20	
" C. E. Card,	4 95	
" H. Hill,	75	
" W. Card,	3 75	
" J. Cheney,	3 00	
" C. E. Fish,	3 60	
" H. D. Peacock,	1 80	
" John Blake,	75	
" George M. Gove, per bill,	63 98	
" "	8 02	

\$165 30

Library Report.

At the town meeting in March, 1897, Joseph W. Brown was chosen Trustee for three years, and fifty dollars was appropriated for the Town Library and twenty-five dollars for the Kensington Social Library.

The circulation of the Town Library for 1897 was as follows:

Fiction, 949; History, 47; Travels, 40; Biography, 19; Art, 13; Natural History, 12; Religion, 6; Poetry, 4; Science, 2; Miscellaneous, 3; or a total of 1,095 volumes.

The following books have been added during the year:

253. Life of Dr. A. A. Miner,	Emerson.
254. Life of Dr. Gordon,	Gordon.
255. Boston Cook Book,	Lincoln.
256. Marm Lisa,	Wiggin.
257. An Army Wife,	King.
258. Tarquisara, Vol. 1,	Crawford.
259. " Vol. 2,	"
260. The Jungle Book,	Kipling.
261. A Literary Courtship,	Fuller.
262. A Little Sister to the Wilderness,	Bell.
263. A Daughter of the Tenements,	Townsend.
264. Life of Austin Phelps,	Phelps.
265. Wayside and Fireside Rambles,	Gunnison.
266. Short Sixes,	Bunner.
267. Ironclads in Action, Vol 1,	Wilson.
268. " " Vol. 2,	"
269. In the Tiger Jungle,	Chamberlain.
270. The Unseen Hand,	Kellogg.
271. The Story of Hannah,	Dawson.

272. Mexico,	McCollester.
273. Jerome, a Poor Man,	Wilkins.
274. Beside Old Hearthstone,	Brown.
275. Lost on Umbagog,	Allen.
276. Eunice Quince,	Conyngham.
277. Phronsie Pepper,	Lothrop.
278. Equality,	Bellamy.
279. Marjorie's Quest,	Lincoln.
280. The Fast Mail,	Drysdale.
281. Treasure Island,	Stevenson.
282. Mrs. Albert Grundy,	Frederic.
283. In the Golden Days,	Lyall.
284. Prisoner of Zenda,	Hawkins.
285. Phroso,	"
286. Up the North Branch,	Farrar.
287. Nature in a City Yard,	Skinner.
288. Where the Battle was Fought,	Murfree.
289. A Winning Hazard,	Mrs. Alexander.
290. The Ready Rangers,	Munroe.
291. The Two Captains,	Russell.
292. By Oak and Thorn,	Brown.
293. A Genuine Girl,	Lincoln.
294. The Great K. and A. Robbery,	Ford.
295. Hugh Wynne, Vol. 1,	Mitchell.
296. " Vol. 2,	"
297. Friends for Good,	Bradley.
298. Larry,	Douglas.
299. Sherburne House,	"
300. Lyndell Sherburne,	"
301. Sherburne Cousins,	"
302. A Sherburne Romance,	"
303. The Orcutt Girls,	Vaile.
304. The Under Side of Things,	Bell.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

Cash on hand, April 1, 1897,	\$16 44
Received of Town Treasurer,	75 00
A. M. Hilliard, fines,	2 75

	\$94 19
April 1, 1897, Paid J. H. Batchelder, for books,	\$13 43
Oct. 15, E. F. Endicott, Agent “	35 10
Express,	25
Feb. 11, A. M. Hilliard, Librarian	
services,	15 00
Exeter News-Letter, 1 year,	1 50
Wrapping paper,	30

	\$65 58
Paid the Treasurer of the Kensington Social Library,	20 00

Received,	\$85 58
Expended,	\$94 19
	85 58

Cash on hand,	\$8 61

CHARLES E. TUCK, Treasurer.

School Report.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY
15, 1898.

The amount of money available for schools, being enough for thirty-three weeks' schooling, the board decided to have a spring and summer term of twelve weeks each, and a winter term of nine weeks.

The spring term, being the last one of the school year, commenced April 12, with the same teachers at each school that taught the preceding one.

Miss Sarah A. Green has had the charge of the North school for the three terms. Miss Green's excellent record and high standing as a teacher has been amply sustained throughout the year.

At the East school, Miss Mary E. Batchelder was the instructor during the spring term; under her tuition, this school was in a very satisfactory condition, the scholars being studious and prompt in their recitations; she resigned her position at the close of the term, for one of greater responsibility to the regret of the board. She was succeeded by Miss Mary L. Palmer, of this town, for the summer and winter terms of the school. Miss Palmer entered upon the duties of teaching with the determination to keep up the good condition of the school, and has succeeded in every respect. She is thorough in her teaching, while the kindness toward the children under her care was plainly shown to all.

The services of Miss Elizabeth E. U. Tyler, as teacher at the West school, have been retained for the eighth successive term. She has spared no pains or effort to make the school a success, and her kindness and sympathy, with the energy and thoroughness of her

teaching, has given the best results, and parents and board are satisfied with her work.

So much sickness prevailed among the scholars of the North and West schools during the winter term, that both were closed for four weeks, including the usual vacation week at Christmas.

Parents are justified in taking their children from school when a question of health is involved, and teachers who are able and conscientious in their work are not responsible under such circumstances should the record of the term be but slightly advanced beyond the preceding one, but the increased interest manifested by the scholars in their studies after the break caused by sickness and storm has placed the schools in a very satisfactory condition.

As the furniture of the North school room will need to be renewed in the near future, only such repairs as were necessary for the time were made there.

The appropriation that was made by the town a few years ago for a bookcase for each school room, in which the books should be placed when not in use, was thought to be small for that purpose, so was not used. We think it would be economy if a suitable place were provided for the books.

A census of the children of the required age in town as made by the board in April, 1897, was 70; 34 boys and 36 girls, as against 49 boys and 43 girls in 1896.

Unless there should be an increase of scholars in town it may imply a larger amount of extra school money; shorter terms of schools, or less pay for teaching. There are many difficulties in the way besides the heavy increase of taxes, which would have to be made, operating against the consolidation of the schools.

JOSIAH D. PRESCOTT,

For the Board.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

	NORTH SCHOOL.	EAST SCHOOL.	WEST SCHOOL.		
			Winter Term..	Summer Term..	Spring Term..
Wages of Teachers per month.	\$32	\$32	\$28	\$28	\$28
No. of weeks in each term.....	12	12	9	12	12
No. of Pupils.....	28	23	17	17	12
Percentage of attendance.....	81	91	..	99	83*
No. in Reading and Spelling..	28	23	17	17	12
Penmanship	25	23	17	17	12
Arithmetic.....	25	23	17	17	12
Geography.....	25	23	17	15	9
Grammar.....	16	12	11	14	9
History	8	3	2	13	8
Composition.....	11	14	13	13	8
Physiology.....	10	2	1	3	6
Book-keeping.....	..	8	8	..	1
Algebra	2	2	2	3	1
Vocal Music.....	17	12
Zoology	1
English History.....	1
Physical Geography.....	1

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Charles E. Tuck, in account with the Town School District for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

Feb. 26, 1897, Cash on hand,	\$70 94
Received of Town Treasurer,	805 00
J. D. Prescott,	1 10

Amount received,	\$877 04
paid out,	833 00

Remaining in hands of Treasurer,	\$44 04

EXPENSES ITEMIZED.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

1897.

Feb. 26,	paid Sarah A. Green, teaching North School, 2 weeks,	\$16 00
Feb. 26,	Mary E. Batchelder, East School, 1 week,	7 00
Feb. 26,	Elizabeth E. U. Tyler, West School, 1 week,	7 00
July 2,	S. A. Green, 12 weeks,	96 00
July 2,	M. E. Batchelder, 12 "	84 00
July 2,	E. E. U. Tyler, 12 "	84 00
Nov. 19,	S. A. Green, 12 "	96 00
Nov. 19,	Mary L. Palmer, 12 "	84 00
Nov. 19,	E. E. U. Tyler, 12 "	84 00
Feb. 11,	M. L. Palmer, 9 "	63 00
Feb. 11,	S. A. Green, 7 "	56 00
Feb. 11,	E. E. U. Tyler, 7 "	49 00

		\$726 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. F. Johnson,	\$19 35
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	11 00
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	6 93
Geo. F. King & Co.,	3 68

	\$40 96

MISCELLANEOUS.

1897.

Feb. 19,	paid F. H. Poor, 1 cord hemlock wood,	\$3 25
19,	G. M. Gove, 1-2 cord hard wood,	2 00
16,	H. L. Eaton, sawing wood,	1 80

June 30,	paid O. R. Eaton, making fires,	\$2 00
30,	O. H. Eastman, sawing wood,	50
Apr. 30,	Alice Davis, cleaning school house,	1 25
Sept. 2,	Alice Davis, cleaning school house,	1 00
Dec. 4,	Alice Davis, cleaning school house,	1 00
Sept. 2,	L. F. Eaton, cleaning school house,	2 00
1898.		
Feb. 8,	O. R. Eaton, sawing wood,	2 00
	W. F. Card, "	1 00
	" " and repairs,	2 34
	H. L. Eaton, sawing wood,	75
	Drew & Batchelder, repairs,	2 50
	John P. Blake, 3 3-4 cords hard wood,	14 81
	John L. Eaton, repairs, &c.,	75
	F. H. Poor, 1 cord hemlock wood,	3 00
	J. D. Prescott, express, sawing wood, &c.,	5 25
	D. E. Palmer, repairs,	84
	W. Gaddis, repairing clock,	50
	Herbert E. Brown, building fires,	2 50
	Geo. W. Walton, 5 cords wood,	15 00

		\$66 04

CHARLES E. TUCK, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the above account, find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRISON ROWE,
ELLERY C. WADLEIGH. } Auditors.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Kensington, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Name of Child (if any).	Living or Still- born.	No. of Child.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 11	Marion L.,	M	3	L. John T. Gagnon,	Mary L. Twombly,	Canada.	Canada.
Mar. 26		F	1	Frank H. Strout,	Mary A. Dennett,	Bradford, Me.,	Amesbury, Ms.
April 13	Vera O.,	“	6	“	Sarah E. Shulteit,	New Brunswick,	Kensington.
May 21	Howard L.,	“	1	George E. Eastman,	Mary A. Gove,	Kensington,	Kensington.
June 20	Marion N.,	M	4	“	Minnie L. Fellows,	Kensington,	Kensington.
June 23		F	6	John A. Evans,	Mary E. Nason,	Kensington,	Hampton Falls.
Aug. 6	Hattie M.,	M	4	Alva Brewer,	Annie Brown,	Tamworth,	Kensington.
Sept. 22	James E.,	F	4	Frank Philbrick,	Lydia A. Gilley,	So. Hampton,	Kensington.
Sept. 13	Charles D.,	M	3	Charles E. Hull,	Alice L. Austin,	Manchester, Me.	Manchester, Me.
Oct. 27	Daniel E.,	“	4	Henry A. Woods,	Mary E. Woods,	Salisbury, Ms.,	Salisbury, Ms.
Oct. 17	Aaron E.,	“	5	“	Martha W. Brown,	Kensington,	Kensington.
Nov. 3	Waldo Morrison,	“	2	“	Ellen Broderick,	North Hampton,	Massachusetts.
Nov. 20		“		“	Lizzie E. Austin,	Boston, Mass.	Kensington,

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Kensington, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
								1st, Rev. George E. Street, Exeter.
Jan. 1	Exeter,	Nathaniel M. Batchelder, Minnie Brown,	23	W	Hampton Falls, South Hampton,	John T. Batchelder, Emma Miles, Oscar W. Brown, Sarah F. Eastman,	1st,	Rev. George E. Street, Exeter.
			27	"		Josiah D. Prescott, Lucy A. Batchelder, David Brown, Ellen F. Hilliard,	"	
May 29	Kensington,	Herbert M. Prescott, Alice M. Brown,	24	"	Kensington, Kensington,	William E. Haskins, Fanny M. Hodges, Philip Tritcomb, Eliza W. Briggs,	2d, 1st,	Rev. George E. Street, Exeter.
			23	"				
June 22	Kensington,	William H. Haskins, Caroline W. Tritcomb,	64	"	Boston, Mass., Bangor, Me.,			
			49	"				
Sept. 1	Kensington,	Howard L. Lamprey, Abbie J. Corson,	24	"	Kensington, Raymond,	Warren P. Lamprey, Lucy J. Wadleigh, Plummer B. Corson, Sarah H. Cram,	1st,	Rev. David Fraser, Kensington.
			26	"			"	

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Kensington, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date 1897.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.	Place of Birth.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Days.	Months.	Years.		
			Single, Married or Widowed.	Color.	Male or Female.		
Jan. 24	Tabitha K. W. Hodgdon,	78 3	Franconia,	F	W	Stephen Whipple,	Betsey Knight.
26	John H. Brewster,	49 9	Salisbury, Ms.,	M	"	John Brewster,	Nancy True.
Feb. 3	George W. Sanborn,	72 28	Kensington,	"	S	Caleb Sanborn,	Polly Melcher.
15	Samuel Austin,	85 11	Dracut, Mass.,	"	W	Henry Austin,	Betsey Cross.
May 7	George E. Dearborn,	72	Kensington,	"	M	James Dearborn,	Jemina Nudd.
21	Howard L. Evans,	80 10	Kensington,	"	S	John A. Evans,	Minnie L. Fellows.
June 14	Edward S. Bartlett,	25	New Brunswick,	"	W	Edward Bartlett,	Mary Langen.
Aug. 9	Frank Philbrick,	3	Kensington,	"	S	Frank Philbrick,	Annie Brown.
30	Alfred Jameson,	11 28	Warner,	"	"	Thomas Jameson,	Josephine Charette.
Oct. 21	Woodbridge S. Hobbs,	88 25	Kensington,	"	M	Noah Hobbs,	Mary Sanborn.
23	Ira Fellows,	68 5 16	Kensington,	"	W	Samuel Fellows,	Betsy Sanborn.
Nov. 4	Mary E. Tilton,	79 3	Hampton Falls,	F	"		
3	Olive W. Lamprey,	94 7 28	Epsom,	"	"	Simeon Wells,	Sarah Batchelder.
6	Susan F. Stevens,	78 2 27	Lee,	"	"	True Giles,	Susan F. Stevens.
20	John A. Blake,	69 12	Kensington,	M	"	Ira Blake,	Dorothy Sanborn.

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